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**STATE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
FOR EXPANDED BEAVER BROOK RESERVATION IN BELMONT**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Expanded Beaver Brook Reservation on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Habitat Education Center, 10 Juniper Hill Road in Belmont. The meeting is an opportunity for the public to comment on long-term goals and objectives for the Reservation.

DCR will provide an update on the status of the former Metropolitan State Hospital property and the development of the RMP. There will also be a presentation from the consultant team regarding the property's natural, cultural and physical resources. Additional public meetings will provide opportunities for further feedback on management alternatives.

The RMP will provide recommendations for natural and cultural resource stewardship, along with guidelines management, maintenance, operations, and public use.

Beaver Brook Reservation was expanded in 2002, when 254 acres of former Metropolitan State Hospital (MSH) property, declared surplus in 1992, were transferred to DCR to preserve the natural resource values of the land. The original 59-acre Reservation and the 254-acre MSH property are not contiguous parcels, but are linked ecologically by the Beaver Brook watercourse. The new acquisition of the MSH land and the historic importance of the original Beaver Brook Reservation make this combined park an appropriate candidate for a new RMP.

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